



## Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

The cold weather has not stopped the children at Virginia from making the most of learning. Our focus this week has been on “awe and wonder” and understanding the difference between the two. Year 4 had an amazing time at the chocolate museum and came back with delicious chocolate creations to share with their families.

Year 4 have also started their “Artburst” project which will involve the creation of a fantastic playscript, making all the costumes and props and finally a performance. They will be working on this creative project for the next 10 weeks.



Here's what else we have been up to this week:

### EYFS News

Nursery have been continuing to explore our topic, 'People who Help Us.' We have learnt all about hospital workers and scientists, role playing and making medicines in our science lab. We have been learning all the ways these jobs can help us in our community. We have been making pretend vaccines and learning how to use our pipettes and beakers to fill and pour liquids. This week we have been exploring artists and how art can help us, talking about our feelings. We learnt all about Frida Kahlo and her pictures of animals with flowers. We learnt about colour and technique when using oil pastels and signed our names underneath.

Reception have been learning even more about astronauts and space this week. We wanted to know what it would be like to be an astronaut, so we tried some astronaut ice cream. Then we just had to taste some normal ice cream to compare them! Astronaut ice cream was different, but most of us thought it was still quite tasty. We have loved hearing the children share their personal stories about their passions, interests and special objects. The children are asking each other very interesting questions and have been showing fantastic rights respecting behaviours in our circle times. If you haven't bought an object yet, try to remember next week.

### Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1: Alamin, Alima, Amanah and Shayeb** explained that year 1 have been looking at properties of materials. They used adjectives such as hard, smooth, waterproof and absorbent.
- **Year 3:** Year 3 have been learning about rivers. **Siyana, Zaid, Rahma, Zayan, Shania** shared their amazing dioramas and their fantastic knowledge of river sources, tributaries, deltas and mouth. I was so impressed with their knowledge and understanding!
- **Year 5: Sinead, Sameeha, Shezan, Ikramul, Faizaan, Amelie, Cara, Maryam and Manhaa** explained that Year 5 have been reading a book called “Beowulf” and have written amazing description of the monster Grendel. They thought about his appearance and his effect on others.



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### Special Mentions:

**Ruth** mentioned her Year 6 group for working extremely hard this week. **Barbara** mentioned **Cody** for his growth mindset and determination, **Emily** mentioned **Aryana** for standing up for another child, **Aoife** mentioned **Danyal and Amelie** for helping their friends in maths.

**Sheila** mentioned **Elkhan and Georgia** for helping each other, **Saima** mentioned **Maryam** for helping her in maths, **Tailei** mentioned **Shania** for cheering herself up, **Fatiha and Alamin** mentioned **Isa** for being a great learning partner and friend **Bayan** Mentioned **Adam M** for helping her in English and **An Qian** mentioned **Ziyan** for being brave.

### School Early Closure

On the last day of term (Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April) all children will go home after lunch at 1:30. All Nursery children will be invited to attend the Nursery in the morning session. **After School club will not be open.**

### Forthcoming events

7<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

21<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> May -27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

20<sup>th</sup> June -1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft

Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May

Red Nose Day – information to follow

Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales

Year 6 school journey to Wales

Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

### Date for the rest of the year

14<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

1<sup>st</sup> April

4<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

30<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

School closes for all children at 1:30

End of Term – School closed

School Closed – Occasional day

Half Term – School closed

School Open – Children return

School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher